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Floriculture crops are defined as any item considered in the category of bedding/garden plants, cut cultivated greens, cut flowers, flowering potted plants, foliage plants, or floriculture propagative material. Data for flowering potted plants and foliage plants represent only items intended for indoor or patio use. The floriculture statistics presented in this publication are compiled from interviews of all known growers of floriculture crops in the 36 selected states.

Growers must have annual gross sales of all floriculture crops exceeding \$10,000 to be included in the report. During the collection of 2004 data, some previous year information was updated. Operations are classified by summing the value of actual plant sales reported in the

questionnaire. This lessens the possibility that sales of non-floriculture plant material may be included. Individual crop details including quantity sold, price, and value are summarized only from growers whose gross sales of floriculture crops exceed \$100,000.

Mississippi Floriculture: Number of Growers, Value and Growing Area, 1995-2004

Year	Number of Growers	Expanded Wholesale Value ¹	Type of Growing Area			
			Total Greenhouse Cover	Shade and Temporary Cover	Total Covered Area	Open Ground
		\$1,000	1,000 Square Feet		Acres	
1995	79	9,536	2,987	169	3,156	70
1996	67	10,750	1,789	102	1,891	76
1997	100	19,968	2,189	190	2,379	148
1998	77	13,608	3,285	136	3,421	81
1999	68	14,876	3,414	130	3,544	63
2000	53	14,543	2,686	77	2,763	44
2001	71	15,427	3,393	116	3,509	89
2002	87	16,171	2,752	115	2,867	176
2003	75	15,155	2,464	130	2,594	92
2004	68	14,434	2,338	181	2,519	95

¹ Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. The value of sales for growers below the \$100,000 level was estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the mid-point of each dollar value range.

Mississippi Potted Poinsettias: Producers, Sales, Price and Value, 1996-2004

Year	Number of Producers	Quantity Sold			Wholesale Price		Value or All Sales of Wholesale
		Less Than 5 Inch	5 Inch or More	Total	Less Than 5 Inch	5 Inch or More	
1,000 Pots				Dollars			
1996	19	55	275	330	2.28	4.03	1,234
1997	22	33	320	353	2.24	4.86	1,629
1998	21	22	283	305	2.13	4.93	1,442
1999	26	32	379	411	2.08	4.02	1,590
2000	16	19	206	225	2.48	5.15	1,108
2001	19	16	238	254	2.43	4.99	1,227
2002	19	43	196	239	2.36	5.18	1,117
2003	15	27	182	209	2.80	5.45	1,068
2004	16	24	179	203	2.89	5.63	1,077

Mississippi Bedding Impatiens: Producer, Sales, Price and Value, 1996-2004

Year	Number of Producers	Quantity Sold	Wholesale Price	Value of All Sales at Wholesale
		1,000 Flats	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1996	12	45	6.94	312
1997	19	112	7.62	853
1998	18	70	7.62	533
1999	15	54	7.24	391
2000	16	52	8.64	449
2001	17	35	8.60	301
2002	15	61	8.70	531
2003	16	64	9.26	593
2004	16	62	8.00	496

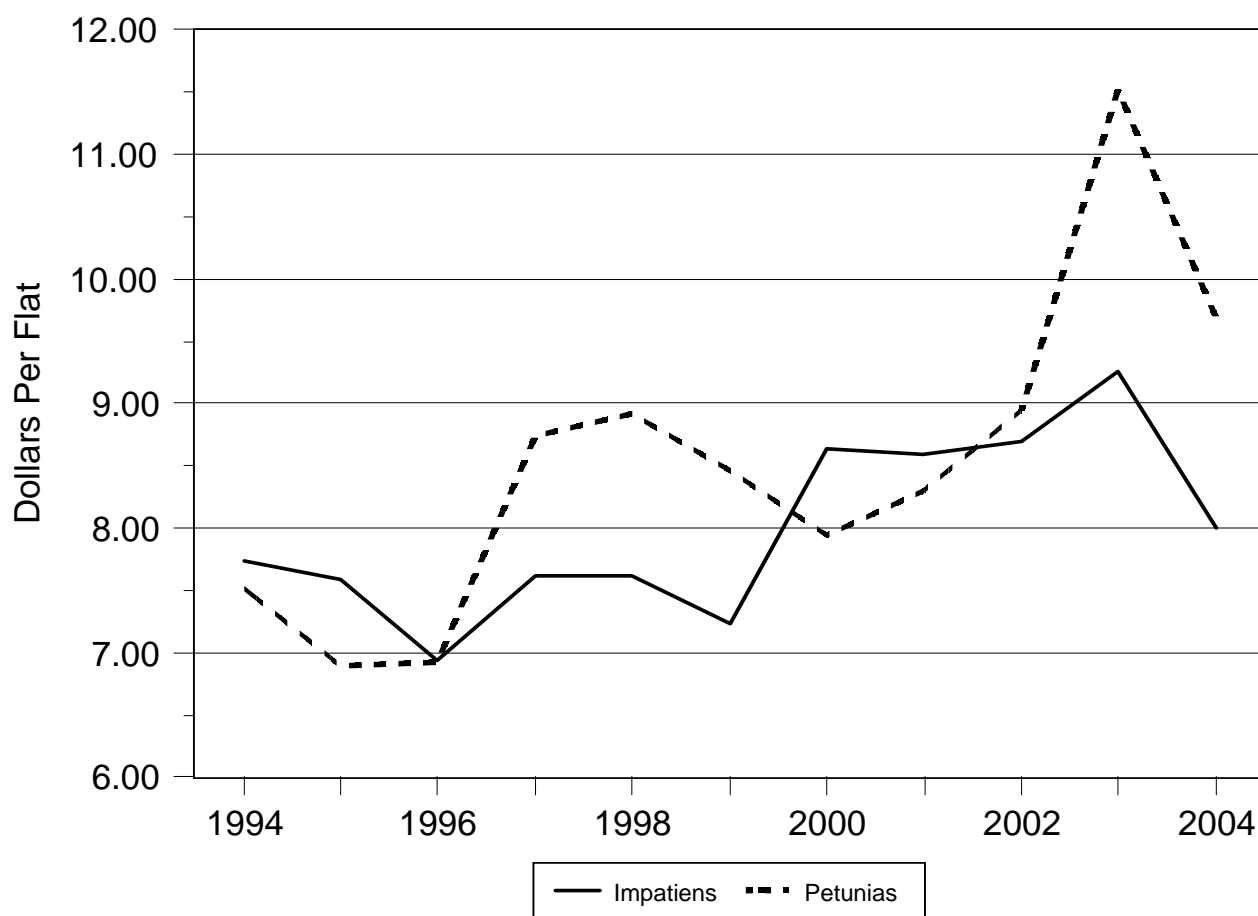
Mississippi Bedding Petunias: Producers, Sales, Price and Value, 1996-2004

Year	Number of Producers	Quantity Sold	Wholesale Price	Value of All Sales at Wholesale
		1,000 Flats	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1996	13	42	6.93	291
1997	20	104	8.74	909
1998	19	57	8.92	508
1999	19	58	8.46	491
2000	15	49	7.95	390
2001	16	56	8.30	465
2002	15	41	8.95	367
2003	16	50	11.52	576
2004	17	45	9.69	436

**Mississippi Floriculture: Wholesale Value of Sales by
Selected Category for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 1996-2004**

Year	Total Potted Flowering Plants	Total Foliage For Indoor or Patio Use	Total Bedding/ Garden Plants	Total Value of Reported Crops
1,000 Dollars				
1996	2,831	327	5,143	8,485
1997	3,763	488	12,133	16,638
1998	3,573	357	7,568	11,568
1999	3,787	686	8,468	12,941
2000	4,139	439	8,431	13,009
2001	3,452	576	9,325	13,353
2002	2,935	1,041	9,338	13,314
2003	2,286	601	8,471	11,358
2004	2,976	451	7,911	11,338

Mississippi Prices Received for Bedding Impatiens and Petunias, 1994-2004



Soybean Average Yields: 2000-2004

County	Number of Years	Average Yield
Bolivar	5	38.4
Coahoma	5	34.5
Quitman	5	28.5
Tallahatchie	5	31.5
Tunica	5	29.1
District 10	5	33.9
Benton	5	27.2
Calhoun	5	27.0
DeSoto	5	29.5
Grenada	4	25.6
Lafayette	3	23.2
Marshall	5	27.2
Panola	5	28.1
Tate	5	28.4
Yalobusha	4	28.0
District 20	5	28.2
Alcorn	5	28.0
Itawamba	5	24.9
Lee	5	24.5
Pontotoc	5	24.3
Prentiss	5	22.5
Tippah	5	29.9
Tishomingo	5	25.0
Union	5	25.7
District 30	5	25.1
Humphreys	5	31.9
Issaquena	5	31.0
Leflore	5	36.3
Sharkey	5	35.6
Sunflower	5	34.6
Washington	5	40.3
Yazoo	5	32.2
District 40	5	35.9
Carroll	5	28.1
Holmes	5	34.8
Madison	5	32.7
Montgomery	3	23.6
Rankin	4	30.3
District 50	5	32.5

County	Number of Years	Average Yield
Chickasaw	5	23.4
Clay	5	26.5
Lowndes	5	28.6
Monroe	5	25.4
Noxubee	5	30.9
Oktibbeha	2	23.5
District 60	5	27.0
Hinds	5	30.9
Jefferson	2	39.1
Warren	5	31.8
District 70	5	32.6
District 80	4	30.5
George	1	14.0
District 90	4	28.7
Other Districts	1	30.5
State Average	5	32.7

The Agency did not publish a yield for every county each year. Whenever publication of county yields would reveal individual data, publication was suspended.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, April 1, 2004-2005

State	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,451	12,019	97	5,916	5,835	99
East North Central	8,111	9,148	113	7,031	6,913	98
West North	24,354	23,075	95	7,469	7,149	96
South Atlantic	233,807	239,022	102	2,464	4,207	171
South Central	349,367	348,250	100	5,684	4,958	87
West	25,311	26,520	105	4,747	5,024	106
United States	653,401	658,034	101	33,311	34,086	102

March Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		Million Eggs		Million Eggs	
Alabama	9,224	9,117	44	42	128	138
Arkansas	16,162	14,924	111	99	201	194
Florida	11,481	10,772	260	250	10	9
Georgia	20,510	20,335	259	248	172	179
Mississippi	7,004	7,133	42	37	95	104
North Carolina	10,939	10,997	80	78	134	139
Oklahoma	4,025	3,867	43	42	35	34
South Carolina	5,225	4,995	94	90	19	19
Virginia	3,335	3,339	30	26	37	37
United States	341,700	347,255	6,453	6,598	1,095	1,129

¹ Data by type of flock and not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States March 2004-2005

State	March			January-March		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	111,008	113,313	102	321,824	322,834	100
Arkansas	113,525	115,942	102	332,302	334,436	101
Florida	4,939	4,947	100	14,548	14,284	98
Georgia	121,592	123,271	101	355,395	358,760	101
Mississippi	72,111	73,387	102	210,707	213,092	101
North Carolina	67,532	68,661	102	192,410	195,446	102
Oklahoma	23,805	23,882	100	67,471	69,271	103
South Carolina	13,287	19,051	143	38,791	53,049	137
Virginia	23,684	23,751	100	68,461	68,823	101
United States	791,915	815,782	103	2,294,320	2,343,082	102

**Catfish Processors: Sales Volume, Average Price and Ending Inventory,
United States, March 2004-2005**

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,808	3,402	1.57	1.60	316	183
Fillets ¹	6,815	5,795	2.71	2.85	552	585
Other ²	1,567	1,370	1.71	1.74	159	134
Total Fresh	12,190	10,567	2.22	2.30	1,027	902
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,302	1,166	1.97	1.98	1,415	1,213
Fillets ¹	10,572	10,824	2.67	2.70	5,539	8,654
Other ²	4,781	4,916	1.61	1.68	2,977	3,213
Total Frozen	16,655	16,906	2.31	2.35	9,931	13,080
Total Fresh & Frozen	28,845	27,473	2.27	2.33	10,958	13,982

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

**United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers
by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2004-2005**

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
January	53,849	53,856	53,849	53,856	.668	.725	215	1,383
February	54,173	51,720	108,022	105,576	.703	.731	204	1,230
March	60,272	57,117	168,294	162,693	.723	.733	295	
April	53,896		222,190		.728		328	
May	52,324		274,514		.720		248	
June	50,155		324,669		.689		270	
July	51,055		375,724		.682		123	
August	53,295		429,019		.683		1,637	
September	51,329		480,348		.683		1,801	
October	52,396		532,744		.695		1,104	
November	49,536		582,280		.689		1,579	
December	48,170		630,450		.690		1,420	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes Ictalurus, Pangasius and Siluriformes catfish. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Selected States and United States
March 2005 with Comparisons ¹

State	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	March 2005 as Percent of ²	
				March 2004	February 2005
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Alabama	3.1	2.5	2.9	91	116
Arkansas	5.4	3.9	4.9	89	123
Georgia	11.0	11.5	12.7	115	111
Kentucky	42.7	38.6	39.6	93	102
Louisiana	1.2	1.1	1.3	103	115
Mississippi	24.4	24.0	25.4	104	106
Missouri	37.9	38.2	43.1	114	113
Oklahoma	93.5	78.3	93.6	100	120
South Carolina	21.7	18.8	21.4	98	114
Tennessee	22.4	15.7	19.2	86	123
Texas	406.9	320.4	380.4	93	119
United States	3,945.0	3,423.0	3,878.6	98	113

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Milk Cows and Production of Milk and Milkfat:
by State and United States, 2004

State	Number of Milk Cows ¹	Production of Milk and Milkfat ²				
		Per Milk Cow		Percentage of fat in All Milk Produced	Total	
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat
	1,000 Head	Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds	
Alabama	17	14,412	526	3.65	245	8.9
Arkansas	24	13,250	481	3.63	318	11.5
Florida	138	16,326	591	3.62	2,253	81.6
Georgia	84	16,857	614	3.64	1,416	51.5
Illinois	107	18,486	690	3.73	1,978	73.8
Kansas	113	19,611	714	3.64	2,216	80.7
Kentucky	110	12,936	470	3.63	1,423	51.7
Louisiana	38	12,605	445	3.53	479	16.9
Mississippi	27	14,037	505	3.60	379	13.6
Missouri	122	15,139	554	3.66	1,847	67.6
South Carolina	17	16,882	618	3.66	287	10.5
Tennessee	75	15,400	557	3.62	1,155	41.8
Texas	319	18,837	695	3.69	6,009	221.7
Virginia	105	16,486	590	3.58	1,731	62.0
United States	9,010	18,957	696	3.67	170,805	6,265.8

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, April 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	April 2004 Entire Month		March 2005 Entire Month		April 2005 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.89	---	2.02	---	1.94 ¹
Cotton, Upland	lb	.615	.603	.393	.415	.393 ¹	.420 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	5.09	---	3.04	---	2.88
Soybeans	bu	9.74	9.62	6.20	5.95	6.04	5.96
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.79	---	3.32	---	3.12
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	8.65	---	6.88	---	6.80
All Milk	cwt	---	18.10	---	15.60	---	15.40
Fluid	cwt	---	18.10	---	15.60	---	15.40
Manufacturing	cwt	---	19.00	---	14.80	---	15.00
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	85.00	---	91.30	---	91.60
Cows	cwt	---	50.60	---	55.00	---	57.10
Calves	cwt	---	117.00	---	135.00	---	139.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	88.90	---	95.50	---	95.60
All Hogs	cwt	---	47.40	---	51.20	---	50.20
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	47.70	---	51.50	---	50.50
Sows	cwt	---	40.70	---	43.50	---	42.00
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.480 ²	---	.440 ²	---	.440
Market Eggs	doz	.580 ²	.619 ²	.326 ²	.327 ²	.243	.261

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month prices.